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Claim Amendments

C 1. (currently amended) A flooring panel which provides underfloor drainage, the flooring panel comprising:

an upper member of rigid sheet flooring material;

a substantially rigid lower member, attached to the upper member and of a continuous, [moisture] water impervious sheet material having a plurality of projections in the form of knobs extending away from the upper member to support the upper member above an underlying surface, protect the upper member from [moisture] water and to permit free drainage of [moisture] water about the projections and between the flooring panel and the underlying surface; and

at least one part of an interlocking assembly for interlocking adjacent edges of adjacent of the panels so as to prevent relative vertical movement therebetween.

2. (original) A flooring panel according to claim 1, wherein the upper member is made from random wafer board.

3. (original) A flooring panel according to claim 1, wherein the lower member is made from a plastics material.

4. (original) A flooring panel according to claim 3, wherein the plastics material is polyethylene.

5. (original) A flooring panel according to claim 2, wherein the lower member is made from a plastics material.

6. (original) A flooring panel according to claim 5, wherein the plastics material is polyethylene.

7. (original) A flooring panel according to claim 1, wherein the lower member is adhesively attached to the upper member.

8. (original) A flooring panel according to claim 6, wherein the lower member is adhesively attached to the upper member.

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9. (original) A flooring panel according to claim 1, wherein the connector assembly comprises at least one tongue and at least one groove.

10. (previously amended) A flooring panel according to claim 1, wherein the interlocking assembly comprises at least one key and at least one groove.

11. (previously amended) A flooring panel which provides underfloor drainage, the flooring panel comprising:

an upper member of rigid sheet flooring material;

a substantially rigid lower member, attached to the upper member and of a continuous, moisture impervious sheet material having a plurality of projections in the form of knobs extending away from the upper member to support the upper member above an underlying surface, protect the upper member from moisture and to permit free drainage of moisture about the projections and between the flooring panel and the underlying surface; and

a tongue located on two adjacent edges and a groove located on two adjacent edges for connecting the panel to an adjacent panel with at least one corresponding tongue and at least one corresponding groove to prevent relative vertical movement therebetween.

12. (previously amended) A flooring panel which provides underfloor drainage, the flooring panel comprising:

an upper member of random wafer board;

a substantially rigid lower member, attached to the upper member and of a continuous, moisture impervious sheet material having a plurality of projections in the form of knobs extending away from the upper member to support the upper member above an underlying surface, protect the upper member from moisture and to permit free drainage of moisture about the projections and between the flooring panel and the underlying surface; and

a tongue located on two adjacent edges and a groove located on two adjacent edges for connecting the panel to an adjacent panel with two corresponding tongues and two corresponding grooves to prevent relative vertical movement therebetween